



Hamilton "Ham" Joseph LeGreve, Jr.

July 31, 1952 - October 18, 2015

Hamilton "Ham" Joseph LeGreve, Jr, age 63, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died at home, surrounded by loved ones, on Sunday, October 18, 2015 after a courageous 11 month battle with cancer. He was born in Iron Mountain, Michigan, July 31, 1952 to Hamilton J. Sr and Ann E. (Tomich) LeGreve. Ham grew up in Nathan, Michigan, in Menominee County. He began his schooling in a one room schoolhouse, later transferring to elementary school in Daggett, Michigan. He graduated from Stephenson High School, where he was crowned homecoming king his senior year. Ham continued his education at Lake Superior State College, in an associate program in natural resource management, where he met Nancy Passmore, whom he married in 1972. He began a career in retail sales management in 1973 with Tempo, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; Transferring to Alma and Coldwater Michigan for two years each, transferring back to the Soo in 1978. He continued in management with the Soo Big Wheel store until they went out of business in April 1993. Ham had a special relationship with his employees, which was apparent by the attendance at the Tempo/Big Wheel reunions this summer. Ham also owned and operated Plaza Laundromat and Lockview Laundromat for many years. Ham is survived by a son, Hamilton, III (Beth), a daughter, Stacey (Gene) Pace; Nancy Passmore LeGreve, former wife of 32 years, his grandchildren Korsen and Talyah Pace; sister Marlene (Tom) Karjala; brother Wayne (Mary); sisters in law, Pat (Joe) Bowerman; Carol (Ray) Brown; brother in law Tom (Jolene) Passmore. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and

special friends. He loved his family very much, and especially his grandchildren who brought him much joy. Ham was preceded in death by his parents, Hamilton Sr. and Ann Tomich LeGreve; and his in laws, Harold and Marian Passmore. Ham loved the outdoors. He enjoyed boating, camping, snowmobiling, fishing, and especially hunting. He looked forward to going to his hunting camp in his beloved Nathan. He enjoyed collecting guns and reloading ammunition. He also took great pride and pleasure in restoring his Model A John Deere tractor. He was a lifetime member of the National Hunters Association of America, NRA and a 16 year member of the Elks in the Soo. Services will be held at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home, on M129, Sault Ste. Marie, MI on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Gathering from 1:00 3:00 p.m., memorial at 3:00 p.m. conducted by Pastor Roy Case, burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery Raco, Michigan. Memorial may be left to the Hospice of the EUP - Hospice House.

Tribute Wall

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“ My dearest Friend, Nancy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this sad time. My deepest sympathies to you and the family. But there is comfort in knowing that Ham is no longer in pain but is in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

Cathy Smith - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sympathy goes out to Ham's family. I will never forget my years at Big Wheel. Ham was a great manager and made it a fun place to work. He truly never did forget about his co-workers and that was apparent when he showed up at my mother wake in 2013. I was surprised to see him and thought how special that was that he took the time for someone he worked with years prior. He always had a hug ready when he saw me and never forgot my name. He will always hold a special place in my heart . He will be missed. God Bless you Ham!

DeLynn Paul - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family.

Aimee LeGreve Nye - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM